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Sri K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE :—" On a previous occasion, when this question was raised in the Assembly, the then Hon. Minister for Local Administration stated that the road has been included in the Five-Year Plan. Now in view of the fact that these roads were included even in the Vipon scheme, which was prepared in olden days and in view of the fact that the necessity for such a road is very greatly felt by the people of the locality, will the Government consider the sanctioning of the construction of this road in the immediate future? "

The Hon. Sri S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" Yes, Sir, the importance of the road is felt by Government. That is why Government are examining the sanctioning of that scheme."

11-10 Sri K. P. GOPALAN :—" Sir, are the Government aware that since 1920 the people of that locality have petitioned to the Government as well as to the authorities concerned to construct the road and so many officers went to that place to find out the location and other details? Will the Government be pleased to take steps at least now to construct the road? "

The Hon. Sri S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" Yes, Sir. The Government are seriously considering the matter and it has been forwarded to the District Board for necessary action."

Construction of a bridge across Mambaram river at Manantoday.

* 233[a] *Q.*—Dr. K. B. MENON : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state whether the Government have finally considered the question of constructing a bridge over the Mambaram river connecting Manantoddy with Cannanore and with what result?

The Hon. Sri S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" It was found not possible at present to take up this work. The Chief Engineer (Highways) has been asked to consider the question of including this work in the next list of Central Road Fund works."

Dr. K. B. MENON :—" Sir, have the Government received representations subsequently saying that there is no objection to their having the old bridge reconstructed and are the Government aware that the river is in floods for nearly three or four months in a year and that it is impossible for the people to cross the river during those three or four months? Will the Government therefore expedite the work? "

The Hon. Sri S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" Sir, the cost of the bridge comes to about Rs. 10 lakhs. As soon as funds are available, the work will be taken up for execution."

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